

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

203

CRM-M-31491-2020

Date of decision : 27.11.2020.

LOVEDEEP SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Vijay Lath, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Ramdeep Pratap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 122 dated 14.08.2020, under Sections 21 (1) and 4 (1) of the Mines and Mineral (Regulation of Development) Act, 1957, registered at Police Station Sadar Rupnagar, District Rupnagar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was working as a driver/operator of the poclain machine on a monthly salary of ₹15,000/- and was carrying on levelling work on the directions of the owner. He also contends that the petitioner is not involved in any other case and is the sole breadwinner of his family.

This Court, by the order dated 07.10.2020, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Makhan Singh, contends that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and the petitioner having joined investigation and not required for custodial interrogation, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the order dated 07.10.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

November 27, 2020

sonia gugnani

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No